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COMPRESS EXPLODES AT EARLE; LOSS \$600,000

POLICE ARREST HUBBY ROCKETT AS MAN IN BLUE

Husband of Woman Shot While Strolling With Beverly Clarke Jailed on Charge of Shooting to Kill.

Is the identity of the "Man in Blue," who shot Beverly Clarke and Mrs. Dora Rockett on Fourth street Wednesday night solved? Police say it is. Joseph Rockett says it is not. Rockett was arrested for the shooting Friday and confronted with the words Mrs. Rockett said to have told detectives Rockett said to her. These words were: "I only intended to shoot Clarke, dear. I never intended to shoot you. I will not leave you and never intended to."

Rockett denies the statement. The statement which Mrs. Rockett quoted her husband as making was given to the wife at her bedside in General hospital Friday, police say she said.

Rockett was arrested Friday morning and questioned for more than an hour by Detective Chief Griffin and Detective Sergeant Carter and York, who worked in the case and arrested Rockett.

He maintains his innocence and denies making any statement to his wife incriminating himself. He declares he was in his room at the time of the shooting, but police say he cannot prove this, as no one knew this fact.

The young wife of Rockett forgives her husband, she told police Friday. Reports that she had been removed from the hospital to the home of a sister were untrue, and she may remain at the hospital for several days, as her hand is in a bad condition. The bones were shattered by the bullet.

Rockett answered the description given the police by Mrs. Rockett. He wears a blue suit and gray cap, and is 28 years of age, weighing about 140 pounds.

SAVES SISTER AS FLAMES THREATEN HORRIBLE DEATH

William Henderson Proves Self Hero When Girl's Clothing Catches Fire—Her Condition Precarious.

With her clothing on blazing mass, the flames searing her flesh, Miss Julia Henderson, 16, daughter of Dr. W. L. Henderson, of Woodstock, was saved from a terrible death by the presence of mind of her brother, William Henderson, who had driven into the yard of the Henderson home near Woodstock, when his sister, flames enveloping her, rushed screaming into the yard from the house. Young Henderson, seeing her, tore the burning clothing from her body, and rolled her upon the ground until the flames were extinguished. This happened Wednesday night. Miss Henderson was still in a precarious condition at St. Joseph's hospital, but she had a fighting chance for life, thanks to the heroism of her brother.

Miss Henderson is burned from midchest to her toes. The extent of the burns makes her condition precarious. Her sister, who did not inhale any of the flames which threatened her life.

Caught From Stove. The clothing of the young woman caught fire as she was heating soup for the baby of her sister, Mrs. Sherill McClure. The soup was placed on a wood-burning range. As it was lifted off, a gust of wind came through the door and fanned a tongue of flame to a portion of Miss Henderson's dress. The clothing caught fire and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. She rushed from the house just as her brother drove in from Woodstock, where he had been to call upon his aunt.

Dr. Henderson, father of the injured young woman, was in Covington, Tenn., at the time of the accident, campaigning. He is a candidate for federal state senator, on the people's Democratic ticket. He hurried to his home as soon as long distance located him, and he at once superintended his daughter's removal to St. Joseph's hospital, where he summoned Dr. Eugene Johnson and Robert Henderson, of Memphis, and Dr. William Blackshere, of Woodstock, to attend her. The latter had dressed Miss Henderson's injuries at her home.

The accident to Miss Henderson will moderate the campaign of Dr. Henderson, who is well-known throughout Memphis and Shelby county. He will permit his name to remain on the ticket, but he will not take the stump any more during the campaign, he said Friday. "The campaign is a thing I do not like to discuss now," Dr. Henderson said. "I am so worried about my daughter that I scarcely can think of anything else."

SAYS PET MONKEY POISONED TO KILL KING OF GREECE

French Physician Bares Fantastic Plot of Assassins. Inoculated With Rabies Before Biting Monarch.

ROME, Oct. 22.—Injuries inflicted upon King Alexander by a monkey were the result of a plot to assassinate the young monarch, according to Dr. Georges Fernand Vidal, of Paris, who has been attending the king and was interviewed by the Messagero, while passing through Rome on his way home from Athens, which he had been artificially inoculated. Hence, a veritable attempt against the king's life was committed.

KING RESTS EASILY, BUT CONDITION DISQUIETING

ATHENS, Oct. 22.—King Alexander of Greece, was resting easily last night, according to a bulletin issued by his physicians. The king at that hour was in a calm sleep. His temperature was 39.2 Centigrade (102.5 Fahrenheit).

The reports regarding the king's condition, however, were not considered at all satisfactory. His temperature, it was stated, had shown disquieting fluctuations.

FORGING OF MEAT JUICE UPON IRISH MAYOR CONTINUES

MacSwiney Passes Bad Night and Is Only Partly Conscious, Resisting Nurses' Ministrations When Able.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, was delirious this morning and prison guards continued to force food into his mouth in spite of his protests, according to a bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination league.

The lord mayor becomes conscious at intervals, the bulletin said, but is unable to recognize relatives or his surroundings. For a short time last night his delirium again became violent.

"He went to sleep for an hour," continued the bulletin. "At about 4.45 o'clock he seemed to be rallying to his senses, but relapsed almost immediately. This occurred again between 7 and 8 o'clock, when his sister, Annie, was with him. He suddenly asked what were the month and the year, where he was, and was the Irish republic established and recognized."

"It seemed as if he might recognize his sister, but he became delirious again, muttering, 'No, no, take it away.'"

"We did some grand searching during the night; they were marching as well, but we beat them, it is glorious."

"The prison authorities continue to force food into his mouth. About 5.30 this morning a nurse held a spoon of meat juice to his lips, but he muttered, 'No, no, take it away,' and closed his lips firmly. The performance was repeated twice when his head fell back from exhaustion and the spoon was raised in his mouth."

The Central News says MacSwiney was only partially conscious this morning, having passed a very bad night. He declared a physician again administered liquid food, and that subsequently the lord mayor became violently ill and was thrown into an exhausted condition.

UNION TEACHERS FAVOR ELECTION OF INDEPENDENTS

Delegation of School Teachers Representing Union Secure Indorsement of Independent School Ticket.

A delegation of public school teachers, headed by Miss Elizabeth Dix, representing the teachers' union, affiliated with the Central Trades and Labor council, appeared Thursday at a meeting of the Nonpartisan league, a labor political organization, and announced that the teachers in the public schools favor the election of the independent candidates for the school board, and upon their representation the league went on record favoring the election of the candidates opposed to the ticket named in the field by the Citizens' league.

The league deferred action on indorsing legislative candidates, although Jake Cohen, editor of the Labor Review, favored indorsing the entire independent ticket, notwithstanding Carl Larsen, of the painters' union, and L. P. Sunderland, of the street car men's union, are candidates on the Democratic ticket.

The charge was made that some of the candidates on the Democratic ticket volunteered to serve the city during the time the city was without fire protection on account of the firemen's strike. The charge will be investigated, and if the candidates are found guilty the sentiment of the members of the league is strong enough to give indorsement to the independent legislative ticket along with its indorsement of the independent candidates for the school board as urged by the teachers' union.

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Neither the independent candidates for the school board have expressed a hostile attitude toward the teachers' union. Both appear willing to perform their duties in any manner calculated to increase their remuneration and efficiency, but so far there has been no unequivocal statement of entire sympathy with the teachers in the pursuing the right course as members of organized labor.

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CITY WOULD SUE PETITION SIGNERS FOR RECALL COST

Shannon Claims That 300 Letters Came Back Because Postal Employees Could Not Find Addressees.

Some of the city commissioners charge that there has been an enormous amount of misrepresentation and fraud in the handling of the recall petitions. On the other hand, the petition signers declare that the police department is being used to intimidate persons who have signed the petitions.

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BEATEN BY IRON BAR IN RAILROAD YARDS

Skull Fractured and Face Almost Obliterated—Believed To Be Paul Kendall, Wagner, S. D.

Beaten into insensibility with a heavy iron bar, his skull fractured and his features almost obliterated by blows delivered by thugs, a well-dressed man was found by railroad men early Friday morning, lying alongside a track in the Nonconah yards of the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroads.

From papers found in a pocket, he is believed to be Paul Kendall of Wagner, S. D.

A heavy smear of blood, which had weltered from the smashing blow delivered on the face and head of the man had coagulated, which led the finders to believe he had been assaulted some hours earlier. He was brought to Memphis on a work train, and rushed to the General hospital from McLemore avenue and Rayburn boulevard.

His condition is precarious and attendants state that the man may die.

Police have taken up the trail from the point where the man's unconscious form was found. However, they have made no progress in the case. Their theory is that the man was set upon by robbers.

A bank book in the pocket of the man who bore the address "Wagner, S. D." The book indicated a balance in bank of \$85. On an inside cover of the bankbook was written "568 Concord street, Oklahoma City." Police have wired both cities seeking to get a trace of the man's identity.

The man who was the assailant used to beat down their victim was found by the railroad crew a short distance from where the man was lying when found.

Four Men Escape Jail At Covington

Four men, sawing their way out of the county jail at Covington, Tenn., escaped and are thought to have come to Memphis, according to a telephone message to the sheriff's office Friday. The escape took place sometime about midnight Thursday.

The men who escaped were: Andy Koonce, George McGehee, Joe Mason and Joe Metcalf.

The men were charged with house-breaking, according to information reaching Sheriff Perry's office.

No details of the getaway were given in the message.

Rain Is Predicted By Weather Bureau

Unsettled weather with probably showers Friday night and Saturday, with little change in the present temperature, is the prediction made Friday by Forecaster Scott, of the local bureau.

The Mississippi river will not change much in this district for the next two days. The stage of the river Friday morning was 45 feet, indicating a fall of 2 of a foot during the last 24 hours.

ADMITTS ROBBING TAXI DRIVER AND SHOOTING CLERK

J. D. Bell Confesses to Bold Crimes—Believed To Be Member of Gang That Has Terrorized City.

J. D. Bell, one of two men held by police and believed to be the pair of automobile highwaymen who have committed a long series of assaults and car robberies without their equal in police annals here, was identified positively Thursday as one of the men who beat William Prescott, driver for 496 Cab company, on the night of Oct. 11, and made off with his auto.

J. D. Bell, arrested Thursday night, charged with the assault upon William Prescott, taxi driver, and the theft of his car, made a detailed confession to police Friday.

By M. D. Hughes, manager of the Bowers store at Lauderdale street and Trigg avenue. He identified Bell as one of two holdup men who three weeks ago entered his store, shooting Hughes in the right arm. Bell admits this also.

Bell is an ex-convict, according to records held at police headquarters. He is said to have served time in the Tennessee penitentiary for highway robbery committed in Shelby county.

At the time Bell was arrested, detectives took Ernest Richmond into custody. He is held in connection with the robbery of Perry Nelson, 1209 Adams avenue, last Sunday. He is looking for a third man, who goes by the name of "Pet", but whose last name is unknown. It is believed by detectives that this man has left the city.

The recent assault on Prescott was one of the most brutal on record. Two men, described as young, directed a search for a third man, who was found before any serious developments arose from the threats of the railroad men and transport workers.

The conference of common sense after the meeting of the British coal diggers wishing them speedy success.

CAR HITS WOMAN THEN SPEEDS OFF

Police were searching Memphis Friday for the khaki-clad driver of an automobile which struck and seriously injured Mrs. C. C. Caldwell, 971 Eastmoreland avenue, at 6:05 last night, while she was crossing Madison avenue at Manassas street.

The driver of the car, the number of which is unknown, waited only a few seconds before speeding off, leaving Mrs. Caldwell sitting and bruising her face and head, injuring her back and rendering her unconscious.

She was taken to her home immediately, where physicians took 12 stitches in her head and four in her nose.

No one changed to see Mrs. Caldwell struck, and in the excitement of carrying her into the nearby store no one got the number of the car which hit her.

Police said a Memphis lawyer took the number. This was reported by a bystander. It is said also that a negro knows the number of the car, but detectives, working with Mr. Caldwell are making a search for these men. Mr. Caldwell is with the C. M. Gooch Lumber company, and both he and his wife are well known in Memphis.

WOMAN WANTED AT NASHVILLE JAILED

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Florence Weller, who according to the federal authorities, recently was indicted in Nashville, Tenn., on a charge of conspiracy to dispose of \$12,000 worth of platinum stolen from the army's ordnance bureau, was arrested here today by federal agents.

BRITAIN AWAITING ANXIOUSLY NEXT MOVE IN STRIKE

Railwaymen Expect Quick Answer From Premier, Government and Miners Seek Basis for Settlement.

LONDON, Oct. 22. (By The Associated Press.)—British labor and the country as a whole waited anxiously today for the government's next move in the deadlock over the coal miners' strike, following the strike ultimatum delivered by the railwaymen yesterday and an almost equally pointed threat from the transport workers.

The representatives of the national union of railwaymen were in session, and it was understood they expected to reply from the premier to the communication they sent him the railwaymen would quit work at midnight, unless emergency negotiations which would effect a settlement had been begun.

Meanwhile, the government and some of the miners' leaders were exploring the ground in an effort to find some basis for an adjustment, but the parliamentary committee of the Trades union congress called a conference for Wednesday of the executives of the affiliated unions to consider methods of helping the miners in their efforts to settle the strike.

Indications of a political as well as an industrial crisis were found in the situation, it was declared, and it appeared that labor had joined issue with the government in a struggle which might become historic.

The conference of the national union of railwaymen, it also was announced decided today to invite the miners' executive to meet the railwaymen tomorrow afternoon.

The miners' executive has been summoned to London and will meet tomorrow to consider the railway union's invitation and the general situation.

Premier Lloyd George and the members of the cabinet were consulting informally, but earnestly during the morning, and a development channel for a settlement, which generally expressed in government circles was that a definite opportunity for a settlement would be found before any serious developments arose from the threats of the railroad men and transport workers.

In the house of commons this afternoon, Edward Carson, home secretary, gave notice of the presentation of a bill to make exceptional provision for protection of the community in cases of emergency. The contents of the bill have not been divulged, but the announcement is interpreted by the press as meaning that a measure is intended to bear upon the strike situation.

BRITISH MINERS ASK INTERNATIONAL'S AID

BERLIN, Oct. 22.—Leaders of striking British miners have applied to the International Labor Office for assistance in their struggle against the government.

The newspaper adds that German miners are watching the British strike with intense interest, and have sent a message to the British coal diggers wishing them speedy success.

All the world, especially Russia, is taking a keen interest in the conflict between the British miners' and the government. The miners' fight, written by Mm. Losowsky in the miners' journal, soviet Russian delegates here, and printed in the Rote Fahne, a radical organ.

DEMOCRATS WILL OPEN CAMPAIGN WITH FIREWORKS

With a preliminary of pyrotechnics to illuminate the evening, they carry out the figure, but in reality to attract the attention of the voters in the neighborhood, the Democratic campaign for catch-all paragraphs of legislative and school board bills will open Friday night at Gaston park.

Several of the best speakers on the Democratic staff are primed for the opening evening, and they promise the voters a lively time, as well as an intelligent discussion of issues. They are taking up the cudgels against the People's Democratic ticket, whose members they have already classified as representatives of the "sore toe" element and indications are that the campaign will develop some lively skirmishing between the two tickets.

Shoe Wholesalers Predict Declines

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—Continued declines in prices of shoes were predicted by delegates attending a conference of the Western Association of Shoe Wholesalers here today.

Tennessee—Showers. Mississippi—Cloudy. Arkansas—Showers. Alabama—Fair. Kentucky—Fair. Louisiana—Showers. Oklahoma—Fair; cooler. North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Fair. East and West Texas—Fair.

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League Heads Discuss General Disarmament

BRUSSELS, Oct. 22.—The organization of an international court of justice and the subject of general disarmament were the main topics under discussion by members of the council of the league of nations, in session here.

Lecturer Learns Cherished Facts From Local Man

John Cowper Powys in the opening remarks of his brilliant lecture of English literature Thursday night at Goodwyn institute said that in coming to a new country and a land of strangers he was pleased to find that he had entered the hotel here and was subjected to that third degree so often encountered in America, that his interviewer was a man as familiar as he with Oscar Wilde and knew him as he had never done; that he could find in the audience which greeted him an equal amount of culture in the person of the man referred to was James G. Gable, of The News-Scimitar.

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Commons Considers Home Rule Measure

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